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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT : FY 1972 Amendment No. 1 to Project [REDACTED]

1. This amendment to Project [REDACTED] provides for an additional sum of [REDACTED] for FY 1972, which will bring the total authorization for the year to [REDACTED].

2. Project [REDACTED] is a covert action project designed to provide financial support to the Democratic Radical Party (PDR) of Chile, a small democratic party which split away from the Radical Party (PR) prior to the 1970 presidential elections. In addition, the [REDACTED] Project is attempting to influence the Independent Radical Party (PIR), which recently split from the PR but which still remains a member of the Popular Unity (UP) government.

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3. This amendment includes the following expenditures, all of which were authorized by the 40 Committee (copies of the 40 Committee proposals are attached): [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The purpose of this amendment is to bring the [REDACTED] Project authorization to the level of 40 Committee approved expenditures.

4. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

The Station considers the initial efforts of the new mechanism to be very successful in generating publicity for the PDR and its leaders, particularly in light of the fact that the PDR had received very little press coverage.

[REDACTED]

5. During the remainder of FY 1972, the Station will continue to support the PDR in its efforts to become an increasingly viable political party on the Chilean political scene, thereby weakening the PR and the amount of electoral support it is able to provide the UP. The Station will also continue its efforts to influence the PIR and will be alert for opportunities for using the PIR to exacerbate tensions within the UP.

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6. It is requested that Amendment No. 1 to Project [REDACTED] for an additional sum of [REDACTED] for FY 1972 be approved, bringing the total authorization for the year [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Acting Chief
Western Hemisphere Division

Attachment

cc: ADDP

APPROVED:

Deputy Director for Plans

Date

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